

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1036 - HB 1537

April 7, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases, from three to two, the minimum number of content review experts who are required to have thoroughly examined a textbook or instructional material for content accuracy prior to submission by a publisher to the State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission (Commission) for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006681): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a proposed rubric to assist the Commission in reviewing and scoring textbooks and instructional materials proposed for adoption. Authorizes the Commission to develop or adopt an alternative rubric if it does not approve the rubric submitted by DOE. Authorizes DOE to provide certain recommendations at the Commission's discretion. Prohibits DOE from interfering with the Commission's textbook and instructional review process.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- DOE and the Commission will be able to develop a rubric for scoring textbooks and instructional materials within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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